

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice.

6. (New) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:

a mass portion of nonlead material having a first side for juxtaposition against a wheel rim and an opposite second side, said mass portion defining a clip attachment slot; and

a spring clip having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim, said spring clip further having an attachment portion inserted into and retained in said slot such that said spring clip is attached to said mass portion.

7. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 6, wherein slot is closed against said attachment portion of said spring clip so as to attach said spring clip to said mass portion.

8. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 7, wherein said attachment portion of said spring clip defines at least one surface irregularity so as to facilitate retention of said attachment portion in said slot.

9. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 8, wherein said at least one surface irregularity comprises at least one hole defined through said attachment portion of said spring clip.

10. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 7, wherein said slot extends

along an entire axial length of said mass portion.

11. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 10, wherein said mass portion has a generally V-shaped configuration before attachment of said spring clip.

12. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 6, wherein said spring clip has a generally C-shaped configuration.

13. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 6, wherein said nonlead material is iron.

14. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 6, wherein said nonlead material is steel.

15. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 14, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

16. (New) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:
a mass portion of nonlead material;
a spring clip having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim, said spring clip further having an attachment portion located adjacent to said mass portion; and
a coating of polymeric material covering said mass portion and said attachment portion of said spring clip.

17. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 16, wherein attachment portion of said spring clip is configured to at least partially wrap around said mass portion.

18. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 17, wherein said coating of polymeric material retains said attachment portion in relation to said mass portion.